

Training on ‘Silviculture and Forestry’ for Personnel of Eco Task Force –Eco Battalions of Territorial Army of India organized by ICFRE- Forest Research Institute, Dehradun

One week training on ‘Silviculture and Forestry’ for the Personnel of Ecological Battalions of Territorial Army was organized by the Silviculture and Forest Management division of Forest Research Institute at Dehradun from 15th to 20th January 2024.

This training course - a joint venture of Forest Research Institute and 127 Infantry Bn. Ecological (TA) Garhwal Rifles, Dehradun was attended by 42 personnel including Officers, JCOs and Jawans from 04 Eco Battalions of Territorial Army viz. 127 Infantry Battalion Ecological, Garhwal Rifles (Dehradun), 130 ETF Kumaon (Pithoragarh), 132 ETF Bn (Delhi) and 137 CETF Bn (Prayagraj).

Dr. Renu Singh, IFS Director Forest Research Institute in her inaugural address said that FRI is the oldest and prestigious institution of Forestry in South-east Asia and it has been contributing immensely to the development of silvicultural practices for various forestry species and to forest management. She further said that Ecological battalions of Territorial Army were raised with specific mandate to undertake the afforestation activities in the degraded and difficult to access sites in Himalayan region, desert areas, etc. They have been doing commendable work on afforestation of degraded, disturbed and difficult sites and in cleaning and rejuvenation of Ganga river and thus also contributing to enhancing the forest and tree cover of the country as envisaged in the National Forest Policy and also in mitigation of climate change effects. She also distributed the certificates to the participants during the Valedictory session of the training course. Dr. Manisha Thapliyal, Course Coordinator said that course had been planned to give more emphasis on practical exposure and hands-on training in seed handling, nursery establishment & management and plantation activities, propagation of bamboo and medicinal plants. There were sessions on soil fertility management in nursery and plantations, afforestation of difficult sites, restoration activities in mined-out areas and management of fungal and insect-pest diseases in nursery & plantations, phytoremediation, bio-engineering measures to control soil erosion and river-bank stabilization. The participants also visited seed processing unit, botanical garden, bamboo setum, etc. During the training the participants gained scientific and technical knowledge on raising quality planting stock and plantation techniques of various species.

Glimpses of the training



